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# Commandeering the Railroads

President Wilson's decision to commandeer the country's railroads and operate them as one, with a cabinet officer as the general manager, comes at a time when the roads seemed to be in growing trafac difficulties. Recent news from the mainland tells of tremendous congestion of freight, and of the difficulty of moving certain essentials at certain essential times.

One eastern road is reported to be moving twothirds of "priority" shipments to one third of regular business. The "priority" shipment is controlled by the federal authorities, who give notice to the roads that certain commodities, necessary for war purposes or for domestic business, must be put through ahead of regular business.

Obviously when two-thirds of the traffic is of this sort, a road is virtually controlled by the government. Many other big lines have similar experiences. The roads are now under a temporary joint stockholders' report, told of in a news article yesarrangement through the railroad war board, but terday afternoon, the Star-Bulletin does not youch. the plans have not been developed very far because. It is obvious, however, that when some of the milk of the increasing probability that the government producers themselves say that the price paid by the would take over the country's rail business anyway. public is too high, a real investigation of the facts postponement here. The local war

as director-general, will undoubtedly make few It is obvious that when stockholders say that preschanges in the individual operation of the roads, ent wasteful methods help to keep the costs high, But, under one general head, the scores of con- investigation by competent independent authority tinental lines will be able to pool their operations is in order. with much more success than now.

tion is now pending in the house of representatives, most insuperable difficulties. The dairymen of Oahu proposed by Congressman Lenroot of Wisconsin. have to contend with discouraging obstacles. It is He suggested the formation of a great government- an accepted fact that D. P. R. Isenberg has sunk controlled corporation to provide equipment for the perhaps \$100,000 in the dairy and ranch business. way and shipping corporations, with the govern- much; in fact, if the contentions of minority stockand locomotives to the railroads. 'All the corporation's directors would be members of the interstate commerce commission except the secretary of the treasury, and its general manager would be a practimen's Association. 'It is a private concern, and but tical man.

per cent on its invested capital, the corporation place the milk industry here under public control. would take 70 per cent of the excesses to buy equip- But old conditions have changed, and federal gov ment. The equipment corporation, so named by ernment and states are now rapidly developing both Representative Lenroot's resolution, would be cap food control and prize-fixing commissions. The milk italized at \$100,000,000 at first, with later exten- industry is one of those where it is most necessary mion to \$500,000,000.

It is unlikely that the roads will make any protest consumer made as low as possible. against the administration's program, in fact, it freely admitted by the national administration.

This step will probably end the clamorous de- right to fix a proper price for milk sold to the public. mands of the railway brotherhood for an increase in wages. After noon tomorrow they will be working for Uncle Sam instead of for private employers. and if they strike, they will be not merely dissatisfied laborers but inexcusable "slackers."

# The Army Getting Results

With commendable energy and the fearlessness characteristic of American army men in the course of their duty, the army officers detailed to conduct the campaign on Oahu against booze, drug-selling and violation of the uniform regulations are clean ing out some of the vilest spots on the island.

Yesterday afternoon an opium den in a Waipahu plantation camp was raided by Capt. Weiss and Lieut. Breaks of the 4th Cavalry and the den's equipment was confiscated. During the afternoon 14 civilians at Waipahu and Schofield Barracks were arrested wearing parts of the U. S. uniform, and last evening these men were turned over to the U. S. marshal for prosecution by the district attorney.

The army is doing a much-needed work-a work to which every civilian should lend his heartiest cooperation. It is a disgrace that the civil authorities have allowed these plague spots to develop, but it is a relief that in the army we have an agency that will do what police incompetence has failed

This is not only a clean-up campaign of concern to the army, but of vital importance to the civilians to all of us who have our homes here, our permanent interests here. The army is making Oahu a cleaner. better, safer place for us, and it is our duty to aid the army in every possible way.

If you know of law violation of the sort for which the army is hunting, let department headquarters

It is probably a matter of indifference to Mr Nicholas Romanoff which crowd is on top in Petro grad as long as it isn't his crowd.

Now that the Bolsheviki have opened negotiations with the Sultan, the goose-step will probably be sup- suggest that a few of these traitorous I. W. W.'s be planted by the Turkey Trotzky.

It really is a shame the way those American secret service men are showing up the kaiser's busy little agents.

In one respect the Bolsheviki and the I. W. W.'s greatly resemble each other-both would rather talk than fight.

Benedict Arnold always insisted that he was ely technically guilty.

Russian bear has to bear a whole lot these

**EDITOR** 

# From An "Insider" On the Milk Situation

A Honolulu businessman, talking of milk prices. told the Star-Bulletin yesterday that:

1. If the management of the Honokulu Dairymen's Association is properly handled, the association can pry a cent a quart more to dairy men who sell it their product, and can simultaneously lower the price to

the consumer a cent a quart. 2. Since minority stockholders put an expert accountant to work on the books, it has been learned that the association is now making something in ex-

3. "Dippage" or wastage of milk in the handling is several hundred per cent higher than it should be. 4. Within three days after minority stockholders who are milk producers began to show dissatisfaction with the methods of the association, the association allowed them a cent a quart more for the milk brought

These statements are made not by an "outsider' but by an "insider," to wit, a stockholder in the

For the allegations contained in the minority Secretary McAdoo, designated by the president by a competent independent authority is in order.

There is no question that cattlemen and dairy One interesting program for government opera- men of the territory face unusual and at times al roads. It would be modeled after the Panama rail- The milk, producer, it appears, is not getting too ment owning all the stock, building and leasing cars | holders in the Dairymen's Association are correct. he is not getting enough.

The Star-Bulletin and the public know little or nothing concerning the management of the Dairy for the fact that all staple food is now coming un-Wherever the net income of a railroad exceeds 7 der public control, there would be no movement to that production be stimulated and the cost to the

The territorial food commission has a clear duty has been worked out in conference with them. The to perform in the milk situation here. That duty railroad men of the United States have given a is to get at the facts of the industry, particularly notable example of patriotic response to the coun- the facts of costs, and to take such as action as the try's need-an example formally recognized and facts justify. Under the territorial act creating the commission and arming it with powers, it has the

SCOTCHING A SNAKE.

(From Daily Financial America)

New York has taken an important step toward neutralizing the poisonous German propaganda in the public schools, on which Teutonic insolence has ventured. Belated orders have been given to cut out the doxology of "Praise the Kaiser," which had crept like a snake into textbooks on the German

It is unfortunate that the school officials of New York should have so long temporized with the very same poison that has sapped the patriotism of Rus sia and to a lesser extent of one of Italy's armies. There is grave menace, as President Wilson has warned us more than once, in the treacherous German propaganda of lies. There is treason of the most villainous type in teaching American children to support the enemies of their country.

New York's school board has acted very slowly in this matter which concerns the most vital interests of America. It seems to have been held back by the clamor of the same radical Socialists whose emissaries left New York city for Petrograd at the time of the overthrow of the czar. In Petrograd, they have been misrepresenting America and American views. Led by Trotzky, who found shelter and bread here, they have bitten the hand that fed them. They have assailed America and its institutions as undemocratic. Russia's misfortunes under the Bolsheviki rule are largely on their heads. New York is nourishing in these people an adder in its bosom. The fangs should be extracted.

It is not enough to throw out the offensive textbooks. Every enemy alien should be excluded from the teaching force and every hyphenated American should go with them. They cannot be trusted. The public school is no place for those who poison the minds of our children with Prussianism. Better by far that the German language also be extirpated as a study than permit it to be used as a medium of "Kultur" of the Prussian brand.

Without counseling violence, we would mildly strung up to convenient telephone poles.

If Hoover ever takes the stand, he is likely to take the figurative hide of one Claus Spreckels and nail it to the door.

Wilson & McAdoo, Unlimited, seem to be pretty nearly running the United States.

It appears that the American expedition also had a community Christmas tree.

Looks like the Italians are holding the kaiser's

eleven for downs.

**DEMOCRAT SUGGESTS** CARTER AS ISLAND

ex-Governor the suggestion that George Carter should be named as the executive head of the Hawaii food commission, to replace J. F. Child.

"The food commission job is one re quiring a man, not only of executive ability, but one of undoubted courage. Carter knows the islands and he knows the people, and they know that he is not afraid of any of them. Carter would get results and be in fact a food dictator, which the rising prices here indicate is just what is

"I have always been politically opposed to Carter, but as one of the ultimate consumers' I certainly would until the Kahala residents had gone like to see him at the head of the to bed. food commission. We would get some results if we had him on the job," concluded this Democrat.

GENEROUS SUBSCRIPTION TO WAR SAVINGS STAMPS WILL DELAY NEXT LOAN

The third Liberty Loan campaign scheduled for February will be post executive committee today from San Francisco. It had originally planned to have the war savings cer-Christmas but the delay in the shir ment of circulars, stamps and certificates from the mainland has caused a savings certificate campaign is further hampered by the fact that Robert | a d-W. Shingle, who was appointed director, is still in San Francisco and will not return until January.

#### HONOLULAN'S SON TO WORK FOR WAR TRADE BOARD

To become research investigator of the war trade board is the honor which has been conferred on J. Roy Douglas, son of David Douglas as Ewa plantation on this island. Mr. Douglas is an instructor in political science in the University of California, and has been called to Washington, D. C. He will work under Dr. Lincoln Hutchinson, professor of commerce of the food foundation of the University of California, who for several months has, been in Washington on important pro-

"THE DOORS OF HELL ARE

(By Don MacArthur, Schofield Barracks, Co. M. 32nd Inf.) We've awoke to a full realization, Of a flame that smoldered for years, Until it burst forth in its horror, And left widows, and orphans in

tears: The flame kept burning and growing, And gnawing at hearts of men. Like lava from a volcano flowing-It's gathered the nations within.

The ruthless hand of the kaiser. That's ruled with death and dis

Has installed his innocent followers To believe in his majesty's grace; His highness. The would-be conqueror, That seeks the world in his hands, To rule-a vulture like spirit, On God fearing-civilized lands,

Barbarous, his policy has been, To kill, destroy and maim; No mercy on those that misfortune, Had placed upon German domain; He's broken the laws of all nations,

rebelled, Until today he stands on the verge, Of the darkest door of hell.

He condemned an angel of mercy, That brought disgrace on Germany's And vengeance the world is seeking,

For its innocent, wounded and dead The crimes of German atrocities. Will follow the decades of time. And those that are yet unborn, Will shudder with horror and scorn

The military greed of the kaiser, Has grown and continues to grow, And spread over civilized nations, Where the reddest of blood doth

But the savage road of his journey, Is fastly reaching its end; And the kaiser and all his advisors, Will seek through the world for a

flow:

But until his powers are conquered, And peace is again restored. His followers will praise the brutality. And the brutal ones, will be adored: And their government will highly commend them.

For bloody and horrible deeds-And that's what Germany needs.

vices in connection with the war.

They were four teachers from neighbor who had evidently forgotten Punahou, well known and well be his worries of the night was in grand haved young fellows out 'for a rest good spirits. They watched him kiss in the Punahou cottage at Kahala. his wife and child goodby and set

nearby, a stranger to the four. It happened that one of the four quartet from inside sang out in unihad to come to town one evening son: prayer meeting or something of that sort, and that he did not get back d- fool.

There was a neighbor who

His comrades had warned him to rigged up all the dishpans the cottage afforded with a few chairs to stumble over when he should open the door. The arrangement made a grand hubbub at the appointed time, all of 'sleepers" to rouse up and start a

After the rough house had raged for a few minutes the neighbor appeared on the scene outside the door, name had two more oysters in it. without introduction but declaring to soothe his feelings, but he got no further than the door.

ling curses at the dark.

drunk the teachers went to bed, but smelt.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

naires from January 7 to 27.

NEWSPAPER SERVICE

ceiving a large number of responses to our request upon Honolulu women to litor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. aid in filling out the draft questionpast few weeks, express my appreci- per. ation of the Star-Bulletin as a news -FRED HARRISON: I was very medium and for its stand on certain sorry to see the Australian people vote important affairs of national and local concern? I refer more particularly to against the conscription bill, but from the information which I have received your timely utterances upon pro-Gerthere is a good chance of the bill man activities which it appears have passing yet, as the vote of the soldiers been carried on in our midst. Your at the front has not been counted, leadership in exposing pernicious plots and undoubtedly they will all vote for and insisting that those guilty should and may be had upon application. it. As there are several hundred be brought to book is inspiring.

the bill in Australia lost by less than attention for more than fifty years World as well as American journalism, and I can assure you that your JAMES STEINER: The guiding clean-cut, sane and succinct utterances MAUI COUNTY AGENT spirit that has transformed the erst- are not excelled for qualities of balwhile dreary looking pumping station ance as well as force.

and grounds at the corner of Bere- May your energies remain unwear tania and Alapia streets into a beau-jed for the service that American tiful garden of blooming flowers of journalism must render America at many varieties which are a pleasure to that tensely critical hour. Yours the eye, deserves the thanks of the faithfully, J. D. TORRANCE.

community. Appreciation is due tarily. There are many other municipal buildings with ample grounds are a number of large textile factories, resided in the islands for a number of 300,000 workers have gone on strike. years. which might easily follow this worthy

of the Allied War Relief, has returned from a lengthy journey to the East. Miss Castle stated that hundreds of there was a sequel next morning. The thousands of women are making surgical dressings on the mainland but that the demand for the dressings is so great that Hawaii must als erease its output together with lived off at a brisk pace toward town. As he passed the Punahou cottage a

"You're either drunk or you're a

Eating dinner in a restaurant is a be careful about coming in quietly great indoor sport. Yesterday evening and as soon as he had gone they two young men of the city who were reinforced with about \$2.40 entered a local food foundry for a little Christ-

mas cheer. For the young men ordered oyster soup. The which was excuse for the three other looked over the long list of events and picked out Soup Aux Hutres a la Americaine. The watier brought in two bowls of oyster soup, and the one with the plain plebian

the jovial ones that the noise must asked for roast beef and some peach cease. When the teachers attempted fritters. The other picked out some to remonstrate on the ground that it real classic name and after much was vacation time the neighbor only gargling decided that he would have raged the more. Finally the late some Filet ue Bouef aux Champaigons scheduled to begin at 9:35 and end at home comer was elected to go out and and a wee bit of Beignet D' Peches au 12:57 o'clock. For 17 minutes, shortly Marasquin. They got the same dish. after 11 o'clock, it will be a total The next time one of these young men eclipse. This is the third time that "Go to bed," said the neighbor enters a food foundry and ask for there has been a total eclipse of the sternly, "you're either drunk or you're Cabbage de tra la Cornec Beouf--- fool," and stalked off mumb- Verts au Beurre, he is going to look than can come in any one year for Corn Beel and Cabbage. Moral-Knowing well that they weren't A Rose with any other name would be

LETTERS

increase that is to be made in the United States, to meet it. She tells of a huge drive that is under way in the East to make trench packets which consist of drains, compresses, a pad, tampons, applicators and rolled ban-

The local workrooms of the Red Cross are in the throne room of the capitol building. More helpers are needed and it is hoped that as soon as the holiday season is over the wo men of Honolulu will turn out in num-

SURGICAL DRESSINGS IN

**DEMAND: MORE WORKERS** 

Bringing a message to Hawaii of the need of millions of surgical dress-

ings, Miss Beatrice Castle, chairman

NEEDED IN HONOLULI

bers to aid in the cause. A card was received yesterday from Mrs. Henry F. Damon, now in the East, telling of the big demand for anitted garments for American soldiers in France.

#### ECLIPSE OF MOON IS SCHEDULED TONIGHT

Although there will be a full moon this evening, its brilliant rays will be obscured due to an eclipse which is moon this year, the largest number

According to Edwin B. Byran. Jr., of the College of Hawaii, the moon will enter the earth's shadow at 9:35 o'clock close to the upper edge. Three hours and 22 minutes later it will completely emerge further down on the other side. It appears also that it comes, by a scant margin of 23 3-4 miles, not being a total eclipse. During the eclipse the shadowed surface will have the appearance of dull cop-

#### LICENSE BLANKS FOR **BAKERIES ARE RECEIVED**

License forms for bakeries have been received by J. F. Child, federal food administrator for the territory, Those bakeries scheduled to be thousand Australians at the front and I have read newspapers with close censed under the rules of the national food administration must mail the filled-in license forms on or before 10 days from today.

# RESIGNS: WATT SUCCEEDS

F. G. Krauss has resigned as agent for the territorial food commission in the county of Maui and his place has been taken by John Watt, formerly county agent for Oahu. Mr. Watt's In the district of Ivanovo-Vesnes- place has been filled by C. H. Durfee

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# PERSONALITIES

example if only those in charge had

the same good will in inclination for

their place of work and surroundings.

W. L. KIRSTEN, who has held a re sponsible position with R. F. Collier & Co. of New York for upward of 20 years, has become so enamored with the islands, after a residence of a And against the rights of neutrals year that he has decided to make his home here. Mr. Kirsten will engage in the book and typewriter business with E. Herrick Brown, (formerly of the Brown & Lyon Co.) 1140 Fort street. The Brown & Kirsten company plans to move to more commodious quarters when a suitable location can be found. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. Kirsten are booksellers and publishers of lang experience and success.

### CHRISTMAS' PAINTINGS GO ON SALE TODAY

E. W. Christmas, the artist, has a collection of his paintings on sale in the exhibition rooms above Castle & Cooke's on Fort street. The exhibition and sale was scheduled to start at 3:30 o'clock and is to be continued to-

Included in the canvasses are some of the artist's best works showing views in different parts of the world Some of them are Australian, some Hawaiian and several are California

Christmas is to leave soon after the

M. Rcusseau, the naval expert of But his followers will some day rebel. the Temps, who has recently returned from a visit to the shipyards in the northeast of England, writes a most Sir Gerald Strickland, the late gov- appreciative article on the business ernor of New South Wales, is pro- like activity and excellent organizaceeding to England to offer his ser- tion which he observed in all the

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